12. (Amended) A method for entering data into a computer, comprising:

anchoring an electrical cord to a work surface, the electrical cord connecting a peripheral input device to the computer;

moving the peripheral input device; and

between the peripheral input device and the computer, winding up the electrical cord to retract [retracting] slack in the electrical cord as the peripheral input device is moved.

16. (Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein retracting slack in the electrical cord includes retracting the slack into [at least one of the peripheral input device and] an anchor.

17. (Amended) A method for entering data into a computer, comprising:

anchoring an electrical cord to a work surface, the electrical cord connecting a mouse to the computer;

positioning the mouse; and

between the mouse and the computer, winding up the electrical cord to retract [retracting] slack in the electrical cord as the mouse is positioned.

Cancel claim 10 without prejudice.

Add claims 22-35:

--22. A method for entering data into a computer, comprising:

positioning a peripheral input device to generate the data, the peripheral device attached to the computer via an electrical cord; and

retracting slack in the electrical cord as the peripheral input device is positioned.--

--23. The method of claim 22, wherein positioning the peripheral input device includes positioning a mouse.--

--24. The method of claim 22, wherein positioning the peripheral input device includes positioning a pointer displayed by the computer.--

--25. The method of claim 22, wherein moving the peripheral input device includes moving a mouse and a pointer displayed by the computer.--

--26. A method for entering data into a computer, comprising:

positioning a peripheral input device attached to the computer via an electrical cord;

retracting slack in the electrical cord as the peripheral input device is positioned; and

maintaining a fixed length of the electrical cord between the peripheral input device and the computer.--

--27. The method of claim 26, further comprising anchoring the cord.--

--28. The method of claim 27, wherein anchoring the electrical cord includes anchoring the electrical cord to a desktop.--

--29. The method of claim 27, wherein anchoring the electrical cord includes at least one of adhering and fastening an anchor to the desktop.--

--30. The method of claim 27, wherein anchoring the electrical cord includes anchoring the electrical cord to a computer chassis.--

--31. The method of claim 30, wherein anchoring the electrical cord includes at least one of adhering and fastening an anchor to the computer chassis.--

--32. The method of claim 27, wherein anchoring the electrical cord includes at least one of adhering and fastening an anchor to the mouse pad.--

--33. The method of claim 32, wherein anchoring the electrical cord includes at least one of adhering and fastening an anchor to the mouse pad.--